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Press statement - Opening of Roll/on-Roll/off terminal

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PRESS STATEMENT: 15/1/71.

FROM: THE PREMIER (MR. DUNSTAN)

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The new \$1.6M. roll/on-roll/off terminal at Port Adelaide will make an enormous difference to South Australian trade, the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said today.

The Premier was speaking at the opening of the terminal this afternoon.

The terminal was constructed by the South Australian Government mainly for use by the Australian National Line and its Associates and will certainly attract new trade through the Port and encourage other shipping lines who wish to use these facilities to make Adelaide a regular port of call.

Mr. Dunstan said that the stern loading bridge at this terminal is the widest in the Commonwealth and the terminal area itself is one of the best in Australia.

He said, "My Government realises the tremendous importance of attracting shipping trade to this State and it has already authorised the spending of a further \$1M. to enlarge this terminal to twice its present size.

"In fact, it is an extremely promising sign that plans for the enlargement of the area have been made even before this terminal was finally opened.

"Developments in the shipping world are proceeding at a very rapid pace, and the Government is determined that Port Adelaide will keep abreast of the latest shipping techniques."

Mr. Dunstan said, "While at first the ANL will be making most use of this terminal, I have been told that the Pacific Australia Direct vessels are to use the wharf and some of the other new facilities and that there is a possibility that the Japanese "K" line may also use them.

"The first vessel to use the terminal has been the "Sydney Trader" and I am glad to say that this ship will call here at regular intervals and that it may be joined by similar vessels in the near future.

"The establishment of this roll/on-roll/off terminal means that Adelaide

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has joined Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart which already have such terminals and so that apart from overseas trade it will also encourage interstate trade".